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Invention: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING
AND TREATING RESISTANT
TUMORS

Applicant: Sawyer et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2002 for which the three month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire October 1, 2002. Should any extension of time to respond be required, please consider this a request for such an extension and the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 10-0435, with reference to attorney docket number 3051-67789.

Please consider the following remarks:

DOUBLE PATENTING

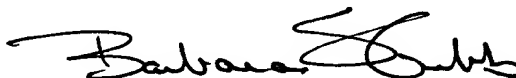
Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,543,428. Applicants previously transmitted a Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c),

disclaiming any term beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 5,543,428 and stating the signatory's interest in the application with the response (Paper 9) to the Office Action of November 30, 2001. Included herewith is a copy of the original transmittal sheet and the terminal disclaimer. Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims now stand ready and in condition for allowance and such allowance is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this matter, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at (317) 231-7244.

Respectfully submitted,



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